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The Issue:

Wasatch County North Village planning

We Suggest:

An equitable, usable plan for North Village landowners

Before graduating into the serious world of municipal planning, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the players in North Village development return to the basic concepts most of us learned in kindergarten.

If by some mischance they were allowed to skip kindergarten in their formative years, The Wave suggests those playing in the North Village sandbox read Robert Fulgham's essay to learn again the fundamentals of fair play.

One look at the initial North Village planning concept map, it becomes apparent that Wasatch County is either playing favorites or not playing with all its marbles.

The engineering firm, which was, indeed, the lowest bidder, has given the plummy-est parcels to the landowner with whom it has enjoyed a long association.

A second landowner has snatched the corridor around the property designated for the new Utah Valley State College (UVSC) campus.

The third major landholder has been told his property will be turned into parks.

Although parks are essential to the beauty and quality of any community, they aren't bankable commodities.

UVSC and state education officials are also concerned that the initial plan is not in their best interest.

It is ludicrous to put a major thoroughfare through the middle of a college campus? It is equally ludicrous to locate a high school on a slope.

We suggest the planners sharpen their crayons and design a plan that is equitable and in the best interest of the community.

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## County Commissioner Nix Early Election

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Despite protests from supporters of the new seven-member county council, Wasatch County Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution postponing the election date until November 2002.

Wasatch County Attorney Derek Pullan, in presenting the resolution to the commissioners, said, "I prefer that the matter be submitted to the Utah Supreme Court in a petition for extraordinary relief filed jointly with the original sponsors of the plan. This would provide a swift, final and nonpolitical forum to determine what state law requires."

Commissioner T. LaRen Provost said he didn't disagree with taking the matter before the supreme court and that he "fully expected" the initiative supporters to do exactly that. But, he didn't feel that "taxpayers money" should be used to answer the legal questions prevalent to the initiative.

Initiative sponsor Tim Quinn told commissioners, "the battle is over but the war wages on." He added, "The best way to resolve this...is to still go the Utah Supreme Court."

Vic Orvis, speaking for WATCH-PAC, a govern-

stop this" and that holding the election in February would benefit both sides by not "wasting out your funds."

Commissioner Mike Kohler said he felt they shouldn't be in a mad, emotional rush" to electing the new seven members for the council suggested that more than two months is needed for the political process to work." He said "it would be fair to the voters to put this on the ballot in February."

Kohler added that the process of bringing dates forward for the new county seats should be at least seven to eight months. He said time was needed to hold party caucuses and primary elections.

At one point the two sides discussed meeting to negotiate the election date. Commissioner Duke spoke to Vic Orvis, who is a resident of Pleasant Grove but owns property in Wasatch County, "You're welcome to come but the question is who should attend (the meeting) should be decided."

Pullan told the commissioners not to take any action unless they were certain of their course.

"We can rescind this...in a heartbeat," said Pullan. When appealed to for his opinion, Pullan said,